

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9 of the present application (in the form most recently presented as a substitute application on May 6, 2005):

In the screw thread 21, a plug 17 provided with corresponding screw thread 22 can be detachably received. The plug 17 comprises a body part 23 having a recess 27 which can be received in the free end 16 of the tube bore 11. Further, the plug 17 comprises a clamping member 24 which can be screwed onto the body part 23 with the aid of a bolt (not shown), such that a sealing ring 25 and, optionally, a support ring 26 can be retained in the recess 27 and sealingly screwed onto the top face 19 of the tube plate 9. A suitable sealing ring is the "variseal" from the firm of Busak + Shambam. By detaching the plug 17, a tube 6 from the nest 5 can be made individually accessibly for cleaning purposes.